

No. 619, S. 3009, a bill to provide for a 13-week extension of unemployment compensation; that the bill be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, reserving the right to object, the UC request, as I read it, says it is a 13-week extension. The bill before us is a 26-week extension. A 13-week extension, I believe, costs \$7.3 billion; a 26-week extension cost—by CBO—is \$17.1 billion. That is the proposal before us, and, therefore, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The Senator from Nevada.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that we now automatically go to the homeland security legislation. Is that true?

Mrs. CLINTON. Will the Senator from Nevada yield?

Mr. REID. Yes.

Mrs. CLINTON. Did the Senator from Oklahoma actually propound an objection or reserve the right to object?

Mr. NICKLES. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. The two managers of this bill have been very patient and cooperative, but we have to ask their patience once again. We have a matter that the Senator from Minnesota, Mr. BARKLEY, wishes to bring forward in honor of Senator Wellstone. This will take a short period of time, and I ask that we be able to move to that at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I ask for time before the Senators from Minnesota speak.

Mr. REID. I ask that the Senator from Washington be recognized after the two Senators from Minnesota speak. Would that be appropriate?

Mrs. MURRAY. How much time will the Senators from Minnesota require?

Mr. REID. Could I ask of my two friends how much time they wish to take on this matter?

Mr. BARKLEY. Madam President, I wish to take approximately 4 minutes.

Mr. DAYTON. Madam President, I will be approximately the same.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the two Senators from Minnesota be recognized for 10 minutes equally divided between the two of them. Following their statements—I understand they want to move legislation—I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Washington be recognized.

Senator MURRAY indicates she only wishes to speak for up to 5 minutes. So I am sure my two friends would allow

her to proceed for up to 5 minutes, and then following that the two Senators from Minnesota would be recognized for up to 10 minutes.

Following that, we will definitely go to the homeland security bill. There are people waiting to offer amendments. So I make that in the form of a unanimous consent request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I thank my colleague from Nevada for his indulgence, and I thank my colleagues from Minnesota for allowing me a few minutes before they pay a very important tribute to Senator Paul Wellstone.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Mrs. MURRAY. I rise today to note a very significant event that occurred last night on the floor of the Senate, and that was the passage of the pipeline safety conference report.

As the Presiding Officer knows, in our State of Washington, a tragic accident occurred 3½ years ago when a pipeline blew up on a sunny June afternoon, tragically killing three young children in our State and devastating a mile-wide section of a river that travels through Bellingham, WA. This was a traumatic event that has impacted the lives not only of those families and their friends but hundreds of people in Bellingham and across this country.

At the time, I thought this was a uniquely tragic accident that occurred in my State when a pipeline suddenly blew up on a sunny Friday afternoon, after school. But after coming back to Washington, DC, and researching what was known about pipelines, I found out that in a short time period, between 1986 and 1999, there had been 5,700 pipeline accidents.

What happened in my home State was not unique. Three hundred twenty-five people had died in that time period. There had been 1,500 injuries that had occurred and \$850 million in environmental damage. Working with many colleagues, Senator MCCAIN, who chaired the Commerce Committee, and Senator HOLLINGS, who worked diligently with me, Senators INOUE, BREAUX, WYDEN, BROWNBACK, BINGAMAN, DOMENICI, CORZINE, TORRICELLI, my colleague who is presiding today, Senator CANTWELL, and former Senator Gorton, made this an issue in this country. It has been a long and difficult road. We have passed this bill out of the Senate on several occasions. We have been stopped in the House, and today we are finally at a point where the House, I believe, is going to pass this legislation as well, and it will be sent to the President of the United States. It will put into place significant new improvements on training and qualifications of our pipeline personnel, on inspection and prevention practices, on tough penalties for people who violate this, and States' abilities to expand their safety activities.

For the thousands of families who live next to pipelines, who work next to pipelines, who send their kids to schools next to pipelines, this is definitely an improvement in our law.

Is it everything we ask for? No. But today I want to rise and thank all of my colleagues, and Congressman LARSEN as well, for finally moving us to a point where the families of Wade King, Stephen Tsiourvas, and Liam Wood can realize the hard work they have put in is going to finally result in a change of law that means some future child, some future family, some future community, will not have to face the situation as they have.

I thank my colleagues for their work on this, and I look forward to having the President sign this into law.

I yield the floor.

PAUL AND SHEILA WELLSTONE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING ACT

Mr. BARKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3156, introduced earlier today by myself and Senator DAYTON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3156) to provide a grant for the construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, in honor of the late Senator Paul Wellstone and his beloved wife, Sheila.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BARKLEY. Madam President, today, Senator DAYTON and I are introducing legislation to pay tribute to Senator Paul Wellstone and his beloved wife Sheila.

Our legislation would provide a \$10 million authorization of Federal funds for construction of the "Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building" at Neighborhood House in St. Paul, MN, where Paul and Sheila lived.

First, let me thank the leadership on both sides of the aisle for facilitating consideration of this legislation. Senator DAYTON and his staff, Senator Wellstone's family and staff, and especially my colleague from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, have literally moved heaven and earth to bring this bill to the floor.

I may be the newest Member of this Chamber, but I fully appreciate the extraordinary efforts of so many to allow Senator DAYTON and I to create a living legacy in honor of Paul and Sheila Wellstone in such short order.

Neighborhood House was founded by the women of Mount Zion Temple in the 1880's as a settlement house, helping newly arrived Eastern European Jewish immigrants to establish a new life and thrive in their new community.

Senator Wellstone always had a genuine affinity for Neighborhood House,